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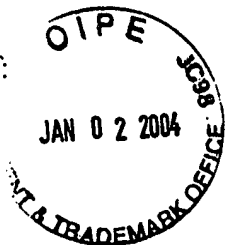
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VIRTUAL COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR DESIGN,  
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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Remarks.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time are required at this time. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.